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President's Message

Judy Steele

Belated best wishes for Women's History Month (March) and for International Women's Day (March 8th)! And, as an organization that has worked for 140 years to advance the rights of all women, we wholeheartedly agree with AAUW's new CEO, Gloria L. Blackwell, who recently proclaimed that "our hearts are full with profound joy, pride and exhilaration that President Biden nominated the brilliant, inspiring and eminently qualified Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. We view her nomination as a historic milestone that will move us more swiftly to gender and racial equity and justice."

Just a reminder that AAUW-CA's Annual Event, called "Adventures in AAUWland", will be held by Zoom on April 30th. *Get ready for a trek deep into AAUW as we listen to exciting speakers, hear about our public policy advocacy efforts, get inspired by Speech Trek finalists, and recognize successful branch projects. New this year, we will journey into the unknown with freewheeling conversations hosted by your fellow members on AAUW-focused and related topics. You will have the chance to choose one topic to join or check out a few!* Click on <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-annual-event-a-real-adventure/> to learn more and register!

Our Branch Annual Meeting will be held on May 6th also on Zoom. This is when we all vote on our slate of officers for the coming year 2022-23 (**note: the Board is still accepting individual nominations from anyone who is interested in helping lead your Branch into the future!**). After the official meeting part, we will hear from Maria Salgado, a recent National grant honoree, who will speak on her work to *build educational equity by creating college access and success pathways for students from marginalized backgrounds*. Hope to "see" all of you there!

For those who may not have heard, AAUW National recently updated the "Member Services Database" which is now called the "Community Hub". There was a webinar held on March 3rd to show us how to access our accounts, but if you missed it, the

recording may be found [HERE](#). Also, FYI, although National Dues will increase to \$67 for the coming year, your Board has chosen to subsidize \$4 of the \$8 increase for 2022-23, so full membership dues will only be \$104. In 2023-24, total dues will go to \$108.

You should be receiving your Dues Invoice in the coming days, which will include a new survey of your *Interest and Involvement* for our AAUW Branch. I hope you will all be kind enough to complete the survey and return it with your Dues check(s) no later than May 15th. Please feel free to contact our Finance Officer, Steve Buchner, or Membership VP, Maureen Buchner, if you have any questions about either form.

Thank you all for your continuing support and membership in AAUW - and please pray for the unfortunate people in Ukraine!

San Mateo Branch Calendar

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| Apr 30 | AAUW California Annual Meeting.
<i>Adventures in AAUWland</i>
9:30-3:00pm Meeting by Zoom. |
| May 6 | San Mateo Branch Annual Meeting
<i>Election of Officers</i>
Speaker: Maria Salgado, <i>Creating College Access for all Students</i> ,
1:00 pm, Meeting by Zoom |

Public Policy

For the first time in five years our Public Policy Group has returned to a subject covered at an earlier meeting. At that time we learned about the many services offered to local residents from a volunteer organization called the *Villages of San Mateo County*. It is especially helpful for those who no longer have the ability to drive but also offers a number of other programs that will enable participants to remain independent and active in their community.

Our speaker, Eric Hanson, volunteer coordinator for the Villages, will discuss the full range of services available to senior participants. The meeting will be in person on Tues, April 12 at 10:30 am at Diane Silven's home, 730 Ave, Burlingame. Please bring proof of both vaccination and booster shots.

Women Take on More Student Debt than Men - But are Paid Less

AAUW Public Policy

Between 1976 and 2014 the price of college attendance more than doubled, but household incomes barely budged. Today most students must bridge the gap between income and cost with student loans—followed by student debt. 68% of students borrow money to pay for their undergraduate education.

Women take on greater debt than men to start, with Black women taking on the most substantial debt burden. Then, when women graduate, their debt repayment collides with the gender wage gap and racial wealth gap to make it harder for them to repay their loans; women hold almost two-thirds of the outstanding student loan debt in the United States. They are also more likely to struggle economically during repayment. As a result, women often put off saving for retirement, buying a home, or starting a business.

The Biden Administration is increasing the number of people whose loans will be forgiven under the *Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program*. Public service is defined as teachers, nurses, first responders, service members, government, and non-profit employees, among others. This is a start but more needs to be done.

AAUW members can help to reduce women's student loan debt burden by contacting their representatives. Here are a few of the areas where we can make a difference:

- Congress must protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they must take on to complete a degree.
- State and federal legislators should increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.
- The department of education and lawmakers should make it easier for students to enroll in income-driven repayment options to help mitigate some women's financial difficulties.
- Institutions can address the academic and financial needs of traditional and nontraditional students, such as access to childcare. Learn more at AAUW, <https://www.aauw.org/resources/research/deeper-in-debt/>.

Membership

Welcome to New Branch Members

Marilyn and Mark Meyerson
943 Paloma Ave, Burlingame, 94010
Marilyn, 410-647-5275, mjbmeyerson@gmail.com
Mark, 443-867-2865, mdmeyerson@yahoo.com

Marilyn is a graduate of George Washington University and has a master's from San Jose State in library science. Mark is a graduate of University of Maryland, and has a PhD from Stanford in math. They are both interested in Public Policy, Foreign Affairs, and the Walking Group. Marilyn has joined one of the book groups and would like to join Ethnic Lunch. Marilyn is currently on the Burlingame Library Board, while Mark is retired from being a math professor at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Tech Trek

Once again Tech Trek will be by Zoom instead of a residential camp in 2022. Although it's a little disappointing that the girls won't be able to attend an over-night camp, it will allow more students to participate. Since the students will have had experience with remote classes, we hope they will be excited about doing the projects and meeting the incredible people who teach the courses that are offered. We are currently contacting teachers at the middle schools for recommendations.

In Memoriam

We are sad to report we have lost two members in the last couple of months.

Zelta Adams passed away Jan. 18, 2022, of natural causes. She graduated from Oregon State with a BA in home economics and a teaching credential. Zelta and her husband, Ed, had 2 children, Debra and Robert. They lived most of their lives in San Mateo. She was a champion for women's rights and held leadership roles in AAUW. Zelta was 93 years old.

(Juanita) Marietta Spencer passed away Feb. 11, 2022, of natural causes. Marietta graduated from the University of Oregon with a BA in business when few women majored in business. She and her husband, Ray, had 4 children, Steve, Richard, Sandra and Donna. Marietta was a long-time honorary, lifetime member of AAUW where she served as Financial Officer. Marietta was 96 years old.

April 2022 Interest Sections
Mary Ann McKay, 650-349-1330, maedchris@aol.com

Boggle (All Members Welcome)

Judy Steele, 650-574-8089, Judy-Steele@comcast.net
Wed, Apr 20, at 1:30 pm
Judy Steele, 798 Widgeon, Foster City

Book Discussion I

Elissa James, 650-579-2901 elissajames@comcast.net
Thurs, Apr 21, at 10:00 am
Jeannie LaKamp, 624 W 42nd, SM, 650-477-6776
Hamnet, Maggie O'Farrell

Book Discussion II (wait list)

Karlyn Schneider, 650-697-1863
karteamar@yahoo.com
Thurs, Apr 28, at 12:30 pm
The meeting will be by Zoom.
Children of the Land, Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

Book Discussion III (wait list)

Mary Ann McKay, 650-349-1330, maedchris@aol.com
Pat Fuetsch, 510 774-4387,
patriciafuetsch@gmail.com
Thurs, Apr 21, at 1:30 pm
The meeting will be by Zoom.
The Book of Lost Friends, Lisa Wingate

Bridge

Elissa James, 650-579-2901,
elissajames@comcast.net
Mon, Apr 18, 1:00 pm
Marge Denni, 1661 Taylor St, SM 650-573-8460

California Fact & Legend

Bobbi Benson, 650-455-1563,
bobbi_benson@comcast.net
Tues, Apr 5, 10:10 am
Presentation by Jan Lundquist, *California History*
Lunch at Allied Arts, 75 Arbor Rd, Menlo Park

Drama Reading

Marjorie Kobe, 650-579-5650
maggieshaw@dkobe.com
Wed, Apr 13, 9:30 am
The meeting will be by Zoom.

Ethnic Lunch

Annette Delaney, 415-235-1155
annettedelaney@yahoo.com
Fri, Apr 22, at 11:30 am (Date Change)
Kabul Afghan Restaurant, 135 El Camino, San Carlos
RSVP to Annette by April 20

Foreign Affairs - Great Decisions

Margo King, 650-458-3073, margoking3@yahoo.com
Thurs, Apr 14, at 10:00 am
Diana McDonough, 820 N Delaware #305 SM
650-376-3287
Putin's Russia

Mah Jongg

Helen Hatchett, 650-571-6129,
helenhatch@earthlink.net
Wed, Apr 13, at 1:00 pm
Tues, Apr 26, at 1:00 pm
Helen Hatchett, 954 Shoreline Dr, San Mateo

Membership: New and Prospective

Maureen Buchner, 650-573-1604,
widgeonmab@yahoo.com
Mary Ann McKay, 650-349-1330, maedchris@aol.com

Movie Group

Mary Ann McKay, 650-445-5206, maedchris@aol.com
Date TBD
Contact Mary Ann for more information

Mystery Book Group

Mikki Coffino, 650-341-2428, mikkicof@att.net
Fri, Apr 8, at 1:30 pm
Barb Schotozko, 324 Landfair Ave, SM 650-345-6294
Force of Nature, Jane Harper

Public Policy/Current Events

Betty Bernstein, 650-343-9137, bettybernst@aol.com
Diane Silven, 650-348-5877, dianesilven@yahoo.com
Tue, Apr 12, at 10:30 am
Diane Silven, 730 Walnut Ave, San Mateo
Eric Hanson, *Villages of San Mateo County*
Please bring proof of vaccination and booster shots

Walking 2nd and 4th Mondays 10:00 am year round

Bobbi Benson, 650-455-1563
bobbi_benson@comcast.net
Mon, Apr 11, 10:00 am
Mon, Apr 25, 10:00 am
Contact Bobbi for location of walks.

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San Mateo, CA 94401-0816

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

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